THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHAR1EF): (a) and (b) There are 20 locations connected with the New Delhi's Computerised reservation system for the booking of return journey reservations. The intending passengers have to wait for almost the same time as for their onward journey from Delhi because onward and return reservations can be obtained from any counter. Hiwever, for booking of return iourney tickets from locations connected to Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai reservation systems, intending passengers have to wait for longer durations at specified counters due to the limited connectivity between the main computer centres. Networking of the computerised reservation centres as and when installed would help overcome this problem.

**रेलवे त्वरित वितरण योजना का कार्यान्वयन**

2432. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने बहुराष्ट्रीय कम्पनियों की इस मांग को अस्वीकार कर दिया है कि वितरण कार्यक्रम का पालन नहीं किये जाने पर दंडात्मक कार्यवाही की जा सकती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार बहुराष्ट्रीय कम्पनियों को रेलवे त्वरित वितरण योजना के अन्तर्गत शामिल करने पर सहमत हो गयी है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) त्वरित वितरण योजना का कार्यान्वयन करने हेतु क्या कदम उठाये गए हैं ?

**रेल मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफ़र शरीफ़)** : (क) जी नहीं,

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(घ) रेलों पर त्वरित सुपुर्दगी योजना नाम की कोई योजना नहीं है, बहरहाल, रेलें स्थान से स्थान स्पीड लिंक एक्सप्रेस नाम की तीव्र माल गाड़ियां चलाती है जिसके अंतर्गत बुक किए गए माल की सुपुर्दगी निर्धारित समय के अंदर सुनिश्चित की जाती है जिसके लिए 5% अधिप्रभार वसूल किया जाता है। परिवहन लक्ष्य से अधिक समय लगने के मामले में 5% अधिप्रभार वापस कर दिया जाता है ।

**Construction of new railway lines in Saurashtra, Gujarat**

2433. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any plan to lay new railway lines at far off places falling revenue centres MORVI-NAVLA-KHf-KANDLA-GANDHIDHAM route in the Saurashtra-Kachh region of Gujarat State which are not covered under the railway network as on date ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted in this area in context of large of industries and export-zone at Kandla Free trade zone and with a view to lay railway line ;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and what are the reasons for not implementing the same; and

(e) by when Government propose to extend the facilities of providing Broad-gauge railway-line for pas cngjr and transportation of export goods in these areas and if there is no such proposal, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. IAFFER SHARIEF):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Details of the surveys are as under:—

| Proposal | Year | length (in Kms.) | Cost (Rs. in crores) | Rate of Return |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gauge conversion from Gandhidham to Bhuj | 1993 | 58 | 26.14 | negative |
| New line from Gandhidham to Lakhpat via Mandvi . . . . . | 1986 | 256 | 19.80 | negative |

The proposed works could not be taken in hand due *to* their unremtmerative nature and constraint of resources.

(e) BG link from Bhatinda to Kandla is expected to be available by 31-3-96.

**Rail *rules in* Gujarat**

2434. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

fa) what are the details of the proposals regarding rail routes sent by the Gujarat